current 1992-93 season (Oct.-Sept.) upto 15.2.1993 was 62.66 lakh tonnes (provisional), as against 66.73 lakh tonnes (provisional) upto the corresponding date last season (i.e. 1991-92) thereby showing a decline of 4.07 lakh tonnes.

(c) The Government have initiated the following measures to improve the level of sugar production in the country:—

(i) Additional production of sugar factories during the period 1st of January, 1993 to 30th April, 1993, over the corresponding period during 1991-92 season, would be entitled to 80 per cent freesale quota, as against the normal 60 per cent.

(ii) The sugar factories which would undertake sugar production during the late crushing period, i.e., 1st of May to 31st July, 1993, would be entitled to higher freesale quota of 72 per cent as against normal 60 per cent.

(iii) The Statutory Minimum Price (SMP) of sugarcane for the current 1992-93 season has been increased to Rs. 31/- per quintal linked to a basic recovery of 8.5 per cent with proportionate premium for every 0.1 per cent increase in recovery above that level. An advance announcement of Statutory Minimum Price of Rs. 32.50 per quintal linked to a basic recovery of 8.5 per cent has been made for 1993-94 season.

(iv) The ratio of levy to freesale sugar has been revised to 40:60 for 1992-93 season, as against 45:55 earlier.

(v) Zone wise ex-factory levy sugar price has been notified with reference to the increased SMP of Rs. 31/- per quintal for 1992-93 season.

(vi) The Incentive Scheme for new sugar factories and expansion projects has been suitably revised.

Installation of Sugar mills in Arunachal Pradesh

2170. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to set up a sugar mill in Arunachal Pradesh under co-operative sector;

(b) if so, the area of its location and details in this regard; and

(c) whether the letter of Intent has since been granted to concerned party?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) As on 31.1.1993, no proposal for setting up of a new sugar mill in cooperative sector in Arunachal Pradesh has been received.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

गुजरात में चीनी का उत्पादन

2171. **श्री रामसिंह राठवा :** क्या खाद्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) इस वर्ष सितम्बर माह तक देश में चीनी के कुल उत्पादन में गुजरात का कितना योगदान था;

(ख) चीनी के उत्पादन में पिछले वर्ष की तुलना में इस वर्ष कितने प्रतिशत की वृद्धि हुई; और

(ग) पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान गुजरात में चीनी का कितना उत्पादन हुआ था ?

खाद्य मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री कल्पनाथ राय) : (क) चीनी मौसम 1991–92 (अक्तूबर—सितंबर) के दौरान देश में हुए चीनी के कुल 132.77 लाख टन (अनंतिम) के उत्पादन में से गुजरात की चीनी फैक्ट्रियों ने 7.33 लाख टन चीनी का उत्पादन किया जो देश में हुए कुल चीनी उत्पादन का 5.52 प्रतिशत था।